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SUBJECT: RETURN OF PRIME MINISTER

1. DR. RAM RETURNED APRIL 27 FROM TRIP WHICH HAD TAKEN HIM TO INDIA, SPECIAL UNGA SESSION, AND EUROPE.

2. IN PASSING BEFORE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WHICH AT AIRPORT TO GREET HIM, PM IMMEDIATELY VOLUNTEERED TO CHARGE THAT HE HAD MET AMBASSADOR MANHARD (QTE A VERY NICE MAN UNQTE) WHILE IN NEW YORK. PRIMIN SAID HE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING NEW AMBASSADOR AGAIN ON HIS ARRIVAL. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED, AND WARMLY GREETED, AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE WHOM PM HAD KNOWN EARLIER IN LONDON. SIR SEEWOOSAGUR LATER TOLD COOTE AT AIRPORT HOW MUCH HE HAD APPRECIATED GESTURE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM AND AMBASSADOR COMING TO NEW YORK TO SEE HIM.

3. ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, PRIMIN'S AIRPORT STATEMENT WAS, AS CUSTOMARY, RATHER THIN. HE MENTIONED DIEGO GARCIA ON TWO OCCASIONS, SAYING THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CALLAGHAN, BRITISH HAD PROMISED THEY "WOULD DO NOTHING TO EMBARRASS INDIAN OCEAN NATIONS." BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER PROFESSED TO COOTE THAT HE NOT ALTOGETHER CERTAIN WHAT THAT STATEMENT IMPLIED.
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